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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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SUBJ: UAE PRESSREACTION TO BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW

1. UAE PRESS HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE PLAY TO REACTION IN OTHER PARTS OF ARAB WORLD TO SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW. QUOTES FROM OTHER ARAB LEADERS AND REPRINTS OF EDITORIAL COMMENTS IN OTHER ARAB DAILIES HAVE BEEN PROMINENTLY FBCTURENENOR PAST WEEK. HOWEVER, FIRST REACTION FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS (MANY OF WHOM OUT OF COUNTRY) APPEARED ONLY JANUARY 14 IN NON-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL WAHDAD WHICH CARRIED QUOTES UROM INTERVIEW WHICH FONMIN AHMED SUWAIDI APPARENTLY HAD WITH KUWAIT DAILY. DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW, WHICH DEALT WITH VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, SUWAIDI SAID SECRETARY'S STATEMENT DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TOPEACE AND STABILITY AND SUCH METHODS OUT OF DATE. SUWAIDI ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE SUCH EVENTUALITY WOULD NOT ARISE AND PLEDGED SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER ARABS SHOULD IT DO SO. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT LOCALLY ALSO CARRIED BY AL WAHDAD WHICH COUPLED KISSINGER STATEMENT WITH OTHER ALLEGED SHOWS OF MUSCLE BY USG IN AREA AND STATED SUCH STATEMENTS ONLY CAUSE STATES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGION AND THIRD WORLD AS WHOLE TO UNITE AND STAND AGAINST

THREATS OF USG.

2. COMMENT: SLOWNESS UAE REACTION AND FACT IT LARGELY CONFINED TO REPRODUCING REACTIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF ARAB WORLD SUGGEST TO US THAT REACTION WAS MINIMAL HERE UNTIL GOVERNMENT REALIZED IT SHOULD GET ON BANDWAGON OF ARAB COMMENTARY. THIS MAY PARTLY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO FACT SHIKH ZAYID AND FON MIN HAVE BEEN OUT OF COUNTRY. SINCE NO PROTEST OR REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL, HAS BEEN MADE TO US, WE HAVE CONCLUDED IT BEST NOT TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE ANY EXPLANATION TO UAEG.
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